

MONTANA'S SOLONS.

The Gentlemen Who Will Make Laws
for the Territory During the
Next Sixty Days.

A DISTINGUISHED BODY.

Brief Biographical Sketches of the
Members of the Council
and House of Representatives.

The Sixteenth legislative assembly of Montana will convene in Helena at noon to-morrow. The body comprises thirty-six members, of whom twelve are councilmen and twenty-four representatives. The names of the members, the county or districts they represent, their residences and political affiliations are as follows:

COUNCIL.
Beaverhead—Lawrence A. Brown, republican, Dillon.
Cascade and Choteau—Jerry Collins, democrat, Great Falls.
Custer—C. R. Middleton, democrat, Miles City.
Deer Lodge—Wm. M. Thompson, republican, Deer Lodge.
Dawson and Yellowstone—Warren A. Conrad, democrat, Billings.
Fergus and Park—George M. Hatch, republican, Big Timber.
Gallatin and Meagher—C. W. Hoffman, democrat, Bozeman.
Jefferson—Will Kennedy, republican, Boulder.
Lewis and Clarke—C. K. Cole, republican, Helena.
Madison—L. B. Olds, republican, Red Bluff.
Missoula—W. M. Bickford, democrat, Missoula.
Silver Bow—Wm. Thompson, republican, Butte.
Republicans, 7; democrats, 5.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Beaverhead—H. D. Pickman, republican, Dillon.
Beaverhead and Madison—Ozias Willis, republican, Willis.
Cascade and Choteau—E. C. Garrett, democrat, Choteau.
Custer—E. H. Johnson, democrat, Miles City.
Deer Lodge—C. D. Joslyn, republican, Glendive.
Dawson—Henry J. Haskell, republican, Glendive.
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Fergus—John D. Walte, republican, Ute.
Gallatin—W. D. Flowers, democrat, Moreland.
Jefferson—S. A. Swiggett, republican, Wickes.
Madison—J. R. Comfort, republican, Twin Bridges.
Meagher—J. E. Saxton, democrat, White Sulphur Springs.
Missoula—S. G. Murray, republican, Missoula.
Lewis and Clarke—Joseph Davis, republican, Helena.
Park—George H. Carver, republican, Livingston.
Yellowstone—F. S. Whitney, republican, Junction.

Silver Bow—Lee Mantle, republican, E. E. Congdon, republican, W. H. Roberts, republican, all of Butte City.
Republicans, 19; democrats, 5.

THE GO-NOILMEN.

W. M. BICKFORD.

W. M. Bickford, of Missoula county, was born in the town of Newburgh, Pennsylvania, Me., Feb. 25, 1852, and while still a boy his parents removed to the village of Bradley, on the Penobscot river. While living in Bradley he completed a course of study in the common schools of the village, under Prof. Joel Pease, and then attended the East Maine Conference seminary at Bucksport, Me. He afterward pursued a three-year classical course at the Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield. At about this time his parents removed to Butler county, Pa., and after teaching school one winter Mr. Bickford followed them (in the spring of 1873) and lived in the town of Petrolia, where he became interested in mining properties in Colorado during the Leadville excitement of 1879. Mr. Bickford removed to Summit county, Col., in 1880 and remained in the town of Robinson from the summer of 1880 until the fall of 1883, when he removed to Denver, and from there to Missoula, in the spring of 1884, where he has ever since resided. Shortly after reaching Missoula he found a partnership with Judge W. J. Stephens for the practice of law, and they have since been engaged in the business. This is Mr. Bickford's first experience in politics, he never having been a candidate for any office before, although he acted as city attorney during all of his stay in Colorado, and has always been identified with, and worked for, the democratic party.

L. A. BROWN.

Judge Lawrence A. Brown, of Beaverhead county, is well known in western Montana, and having served in the house at the last session of the legislative assembly, he will enter the council with legislative experience. Judge Brown is 62 years old. He was born in Georgia and is a thoroughbred American, his grandfather being one of the old revolutionary rebels who helped to capture Cornwallis and his army at Yorktown. When a young man he started for California, and going round the Horn he reached the Golden State in 1853. In California he practiced law and mined. When the silver excitement broke out he went to Washoe and lived in Nevada for some time. Drifting into Utah, he was a miner, a lawyer and a gentle justice of the peace while in Mormonism. When he first came to Montana he opened a law office in Butte, and was city attorney when Butte was having its first real boom. Judge Brown boxed his law library, and buying the New Departure mine in the Blue Wing district from Hon. Wash Stapleton, went into mining. For several years he worked this mine without a cent, but he stuck to it, and his efforts have been rewarded by opening one of the best paying silver mines in southern Montana, with \$200,000 worth of ore developed and in sight. Judge Brown was a democrat until the last year. He received the republican nomination for councilman by acclamation and was elected by a handsome majority—beating the strongest democrat in Beaverhead county for the council.

DR. C. K. COLE.

Dr. Charles K. Cole was born in Plainfield, Ill., April 5, 1852; educated at Lincoln university; studied medicine under Dr. David Prince at his private infirmary in Jacksonville, Ill., and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Miami Medical college, where was conferred upon him the highest honors of his class. While practicing his profession at Jacksonville he married Miss Gillette, daughter of Dr. Gillette, who has somewhat of a national reputation, being the founder of the largest deaf and dumb institution in the

world, at Jacksonville. Dr. Cole has two children, a boy and girl. During 1879 he removed to Montana and located at Helena, where he has since resided, in the actual practice of medicine and surgery, and has succeeded in acquiring a comfortable fortune. In 1883-4 he was a member of the city council. In 1884 and 1885 he was in-charge of public institutions for this territory, under appointment by the governor. At present he is vice president and a director of the Second National Bank of Helena, which institution he helped organize about seven years since, and is interested in various other business enterprises in Helena and vicinity, as well as owning a large stock ranch on the upper Madison.

In a number of fraternal and benevolent societies he has added to his membership therein an active interest and effective work, having for a number of years been state medical examiner for the A. O. U. W.; filled the chairs of grand master of Odd Fellows of Montana; grand chancellor in the Knights of Pythias, and is at present representative from Montana to the supreme lodge of the world of the latter order.

JERRY COLLINS.

Jerry Collins has had a busy career. He came from Cork, Ireland, when a child to this country and settled with his people in Indiana, where he completed his education at the Indiana State University, where he graduated with the first honors in his class. He was editor of the magazine published at this university. After leaving there he became associate editor of the Washburn Courier, of the noted Lee Linn was editor. He next became editor-in-chief of the Phalar, published in Loganport, Ind., a city of 18,000 people. In 1882 he removed to Fort Benton where he became editor and manager of the Live Press, which was founded in that year. After conducting that journal with success for four years he went in 1886 to Great Falls, where he is editor and manager of the Tribune, which has daily and weekly editions. Last year Mr. Collins was elected councilman on the democratic ticket jointly for Choteau and Cascade counties. Mr. Collins was chairman of the county committee during the campaign. He was one of the founders of the Montana Press association, and secretary thereof for two terms. He is a forcible writer and ardent friend of progress. He enjoys the good will and friendship of his fellow citizens irrespective of party. Mr. Collins married in Indiana and resides with his wife and three children, in the suburbs of Great Falls.

WARREN A. CONRAD.

W. A. Conrad, of Dawson and Yellowstone, was born in 1864, near Winchester, Va., and is the youngest son of Col. James W. Conrad, who was the largest and most successful farmer of the Shenandoah valley at that time. He began his education at Smith's military academy in Winchester leaving there to come to Montana in 1878 when he was sixteen years of age. He returned to Minnesota and completed his education at Bishop Whipple's school at Fairbault. On his return to Montana he was associated with the firm of I. G. Baker & Co., merchants of Fort Benton on the Northern Pacific railway. In 1887 he severed his connection with that firm and joined himself to the business of J. H. Conrad & Co., of Billings, where he has since been located. Mr. Conrad is largely interested in stock raising, both in North and Montana and the Northwest territory, and is a young man of pluck and perseverance, as well as of no little ability. During his residence in Billings he has gained the respect and confidence of his social and mercantile associates.

G. M. HATCH.

G. M. Hatch, of Park county, Ill., May 8, 1852. He accompanied his father, an officer in the volunteer service, to Cairo in 1861, and stayed with the army along the Mississippi river from Cairo to New Orleans in 1865. He attended public school at Quincy, Ill., in 1865 and 1867, and Racine, Mo., one term in winter of 1867-8. He went to Wyoming territory on survey for the Union Pacific railway, from Cheyenne to Echo Canon July, 1868, to January, 1869. He was also with a surveying party running the line for the railroad from St. Joseph, Mich., to New Buffalo, Mich., in the summer of 1871, and then went to California in July, 1871, and clerked for C. Bush & Co., general merchandise, at Shasta and Redding, until October, 1872. He was then employed by Wells, Fargo & Co., as agent at Redding, and changed that position for that of messenger between Redding and Sacramento. He formed a partnership in 1864 with C. C. Bush and engaged in sheepraising and ranching. He drove a band of sheep from their ranch in Shasta county, Cal., to Montana in 1876, wintering near Hannack. In March, 1877, he drove to near Fort Logan, sold out and returned to California, disposed of his interests in California to his partner, and purchased and drove sheep to Montana in the summer of 1878. Re-coming Montana Mr. Hatch located upon the Musselshell range, in Meagher county, where he resided until March, 1886, and engaged in wool growing and sheep raising, when he removed to Big Timber, Park county, his present residence, engaged in general merchandising. Mr. Hatch represented Meagher county in the house in the fourteenth session, and was appointed and served as commissioner of Park county since its creation by act of the fifteenth session. He was married in 1885, and has one child.

C. W. HOFFMAN.

Charles Wheeler Hoffman, joint councilman from Gallatin and Meagher counties, was born at Miles, Mich., in 1846 and so has spent a great portion of his life along the pioneer line of civilization. He came to Fort Union, at the mouth of the Yellowstone, in 1869, and to Bozeman in 1869. Since living in the territory he has been engaged in farming, stock growing, merchandising, coal mining, staking and the general business of a successful western man. He was married in April, 1869, at Buffalo, N. Y., to Elizabeth B. Fairfield. He has one child, a son, 18 years of age. In politics he is a democrat. He was a member of the preceding legislature.

WILL KENNEDY.

Will Kennedy, who served two terms as councilman from Missoula county, will represent Jefferson county in the present council. He is a printer by trade, an editor by profession and a republican in politics. He was born in Kent county, Maryland, in 1845. In 1857 his father had settled with his family in southern Indiana and in 1861 with his father he came to Montana, where he was elected to the Fifty-second Indiana Infantry. His service lasted until the close of the war and he participated in some of the hottest battles. After the war he became a rover and, learning the printer's art, trapped a life over the Ages, following his trade and frequently doing reportorial and editorial work. In 1881 he came to Missoula and remained there until August, 1887, the greater part of the time in the capacity of editor of the Missoulian. Then he came to Helena to take city editorship of the INDEPENDENT, succeeding to the editorship of this paper on the death of Mr. Hendry. He removed to Boulder in February, 1888, where he founded the Age, which he is still publishing. In 1884 he was elected to the territorial council and again in 1886, as a republican. He is married.

C. R. MIDDLETON.

C. R. Middleton, of Custer county, was born in Washington county, Minnesota, Jan. 31, 1853, was raised on a farm, educated in the district school, and in the St. Croix Valley academy, in where he graduated in 1874. His father enlisted in the 69th Iowa in 1864, and died in the service at Memphis, Tenn., one year later, and as the subject of this sketch was the only son in a family of four, at the age of thirteen years he took charge of his father's farm and worked it until he was admitted to the bar in 1881. In 1876 he commenced the study of law, in the office of James Smith, Jr., in St. Paul, and in

the winter of 1877 and 1878 took the first course of lectures in the law department at the University of Michigan. For two years thereafter he worked on his mother's farm in the summer and taught school in the winter, and in the fall of 1880 returned to Ann Arbor and completed his course in the law department. In 1881 he was admitted to the bar in Minnesota. In 1882 he located in St. Paul and commenced the practice of law, where he remained for six months, after which he went to Stillwater, Minnesota, and became a member of the noted law firm of J. N. & L. W. Castle, where he remained until July, 1884, at which time he came to Miles City. Since that time he has been engaged in the active practice of the law at Miles City. On the 6th day of May, 1884, he was married to Ida Ruth Castle, a sister of J. N. and L. W. Castle. In Miles City he was a partner of Andrew F. Burlingame, up to the time Mr. Burlingame removed from Miles City to Helena, in June, 1887. His politics are democratic, and he is possessed of great oratorical power.

L. B. OLDS.

L. B. Olds, of Madison county, was born at Norwich, Vt., in March, 1839; moved to Iowa in 1850, to Colorado in 1859, and to Montana, at Alder gulch, in 1863. He has lived in Madison county most of the time. He completed his education at the common school education. He was a member of the house of representatives from Madison county in the Ninth session. Mr. Olds is now engaged in mining and is a partner in the Silver Bow county. He was a Douglas Democrat till 1865 and since then has been a republican.

W. M. THOMPSON.

William M. Thompson, of Deer Lodge, was born at La Fayette, Indiana, April 22, 1853. In 1869 his father located at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There he attended school and clerked in his father's store, afterwards taking a course of studies at Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa. In 1889 he entered the quartermaster's department in the United States army as transportation agent and held the position for eleven years in Nebraska. In 1890 he moved to Ogden, Utah, and was the manager of a newspaper called the Ogden Pilot, and held the position until the latter part of 1891, when he moved to Pocatello, Idaho, and was during the period of the construction of this road he was the manager of their stores and supplies all through the Yellowstone valley. In the fall of 1882 he reached Livingston and went into the general merchandise business on his own account. In January, 1886, the Carver Mercantile company was organized, of which Mr. Carver is the leading spirit. In 1886 he was elected county commissioner of Gallatin county. The question of the division of Gallatin county then arose, and Mr. Carver led the "division" party and was chiefly instrumental in obtaining the victory which resulted in creating the new county of Park. On the organization of Park county, May 1, 1887, he resigned from the Gallatin county board and served as chairman of the board of commissioners of Park county until the general election last fall. He was nominated for representative by acclamation, and was elected by a majority of over 600 in a total vote of 1,750.

JOHN R. COMFORT.

John R. Comfort, member from Madison county, was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, April, 1844. His education at advantages were only those of the common schools of that time. His arrival in Montana dates back to 1879, when he located at Twin Bridges, and has resided there ever since, following the business of blacksmithing. Mr. Comfort is an old veteran of the war. He served in the 137th New York infantry and followed General Sherman in his famous march from "Atlanta to the sea." This is the first time he has ever held an official position. He is a married man and a considerable property owner in Madison county.

JUDGE JOS. DAVIS.

Judge Joseph Davis, member of the house from Lewis and Clarke county, was born in a small village in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, Nov. 6, 1846. His education at advantages while young were meagre, after passing through a common school education he spent three months at the Howard Academy, after which he began to strive for himself. During 1866 he started for the west to "seek his fortune," and after a long journey across the plains landed in Last Chance gulch in 1870. He immediately engaged in placer mining, and in the course of a year bought a piece of ground which he worked for several years, accumulating

considerable money, which he invested in Helena real estate. Being an ardent republican he took an active interest in territorial politics from the start. In 1876 he was elected to the legislature by a large majority. He was subsequently elected probate judge of this county in 1880 and again in 1884. Two years ago he was a candidate for mayor of the city of Helena and during the late unpleasantness was elected to his present office, Judge Davis at present is a gentleman of affluence, being a heavy real estate owner and identified with several mining enterprises, among which are the Jay Gould and Poor-man properties. He is also one of the proprietors of the Helena Cab company. Judge Davis is a married man and has three children—two boys and a girl.

W. D. FLOWERS.

W. D. Flowers, of Gallatin county, was born near Memphis, Tenn., in 1842, and removed with his parents to Missouri in 1845. His grandfather on his mother's side was a major in the United States army in the war of 1812. H. W. Lyda, his mother's fifth brother was a member of congress from Missouri. When Mr. Flowers was 17 years old, and clerking in a store, he undertook a course of study at Edinburg college, in Grundy county, Mo., but the breaking out of the war terminated his opportunities for education when he had been in the institution but a little more than a year. In 1861 he went to Texas and enlisted in the southern army. After being in several engagements he was captured by Sherman's command at Arkansas Post. He was held a prisoner at Camp Douglas, Chicago, for six months. In 1861 Mr. Flowers crossed the plains to Montana, arriving at Virginia City on Oct. 12 of that year. Since coming to Montana he has been continuously engaged in the mining and stock-growing business.

GEORGE H. CARVER.

George H. Carver, of Park county, was born June 10, 1850, in Pawlet, Rutland county, Vt. He attended school in Pawlet and in Fulton, N. Y., until he was 16 years of age. He then entered his uncle's general merchandise store in Fulton, where he stayed for five years. For the next few years he was engaged in merchandising, finally coming west in the employ of H. A. Grimes & Co., the Northern Pacific contractor. During the period of the construction of this road he was the manager of their stores and supplies all through the Yellowstone valley. In the fall of 1882 he reached Livingston and went into the general merchandise business on his own account. In January, 1886, the Carver Mercantile company was organized, of which Mr. Carver is the leading spirit. In 1886 he was elected county commissioner of Gallatin county. The question of the division of Gallatin county then arose, and Mr. Carver led the "division" party and was chiefly instrumental in obtaining the victory which resulted in creating the new county of Park. On the organization of Park county, May 1, 1887, he resigned from the Gallatin county board and served as chairman of the board of commissioners of Park county until the general election last fall. He was nominated for representative by acclamation, and was elected by a majority of over 600 in a total vote of 1,750.

E. C. GARRETT.

E. C. Garrett, joint representative for Choteau and Cascade counties, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., July 23, 1856. He received his education in the common schools of that county and Philadelphia. Some of his fondest recollections are of making night hideous with balloons while on the way to spelling school in some adjoining township. He was a pretty good speller then and usually got to the head of the class. It was about this time young Garrett became desperately and hopelessly infatuated with several young ladies who were from one to ten years his senior. In 1873 he removed with his parents to Alabama, where he lived on a farm until the following year, when his roving disposition took him to New Orleans. He was engaged in steamboating between that city, Galveston and Mobile until 1877, when he came to Montana. Mr. Garrett was chief clerk for Gen. Brooks, commander of the military division of Montana, until 1882, when he engaged in the hardware business with James Gibson at Sun River crossing. Subsequently he became book-keeper with the late firm of Hamilton & Hazlett, at Choteau, at which place he has been in the

real estate and conveyancing business for the past three years and justice of the peace for the past year. He is unmarried—a bit of information of interest to the young ladies of the capital city.

H. J. HASKELL.

Henry J. Haskell, republican member of the house from Dawson county, resides at Glendive, where he has prominently identified himself with interests of Eastern Montana for a number of years. He is a college graduate, a gentleman of fine legal attainments and has practiced at the profession of attorney at law since his residence in the territory. He is thoroughly posted on the needs of Dawson county. Two years ago he was elected county attorney at that point. Mr. Haskell is a man about 45 years of age.

WILLIAM H. HUNT.

William H. Hunt was born in New Orleans, La., November, 1858, and is consequently in his 31st year. He enjoyed good educational advantages, having graduated from Yale college after a thorough course in the grammar schools. He also studied law under his father's tuition in the University of Louisiana. During 1878 he moved to Montana, locating first at Fort Benton, where he engaged in the practice of law. In 1886 he located at Helena, following his profession, having formed a law partnership with H. R. Buck. During 1887 ex-Gov. B. Platt Carpenter joined the firm. Mr. Hunt, in 1884, was a delegate from Choteau county to the state constitutional convention. He has also served two years in this judicial district as district attorney and attorney-general. At present he is the joint member of the lower house for Lewis and Clarke and Jefferson counties. He is a married man with two children.

C. D. JOSLYN.

C. D. Joslyn, of Deer Lodge county, was born May 1, 1859, at Courtland, De Kalb county, Ill., went to school and graduated at the same place, but afterwards went to commercial college at Milwaukee, Wis. His first business ventures were at Leadville and Pueblo, Colo., but not liking Colorado, he moved to Beaver Canyon, Idaho, and opened a general farm implement store, which he moved along to all the termini of the Utah & Northern railroad until it got to Silver Bow, when he closed out and started a general forwarding business, the firm name being Joslyn & Morse. He continued in the forwarding business until Jan. 1, 1885, when he accepted the position of general manager for E. L. Bonner & Co. at Deer Lodge, which he has since retained. In October, 1885, Mr. Joslyn married Miss Mamie Kelly, daughter of United States Marshal Kelly, and has one child, a girl a year old. Mr. Joslyn has always been a staunch republican.

GARL T. JONES.

Garl T. Jones, of Missoula county, was raised in Howard county, Missouri. He grew to young manhood with but a limited education, but taught a district school until he had secured sufficient means to attend college, when he took a course in civil engineering in the state university of Missouri. He came to Montana during the sixties, but owing to poor health moved to Oregon, from whence he returned to Montana in 1878. He still practices his profession of engineering and farms near Corvallis, in the Bitter Root valley. He has four children, two of whom are grown. He is about 35 years of age. He is a republican, but has never sought any office. He was elected by 149 majority.

E. H. JOHNSON.

Eugene Henry Johnson, member from Custer county, is generally known among friends and spoken of in print as "E. H. Johnson." He was born at Clarksville, Ark., in 1846. At the age of 9 years he went with his parents to San Antonio, Texas, at which city and Gonzales, in the same state, he lived until 1859. He was educated principally at Gonzales college. During the last two years of the civil war he bore arms in the Texas militia as a private in Fulk-rod's cadets and in Scott Anderson's regiment. His service was confined to the state and he participated in no important battles. From 1869 to 1874 he drove cattle on the Texas trail, and in the latter year went into the cattle business in Wyoming, with headquarters at Cheyenne, being interested with Sheldy Bros. In the early years of the Black Hills excitement he supplied that district with beef and had several sharp skirmishes with Indians in getting over the trail with his men and herds. In 1881 he came to Custer county, Montana, and engaged in stock-growing as chief

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